date on the above-said items during the last three years;

(c) whether any responsibiilty has been fixed and action taken against the erring officials who purchased the above said slow-moving items in such a large quantity which accounted for loss of several lakhs to the ITDC; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in negative, the reasons and the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is comparatively a small residual inventory of certain electronic slow moving items. ITDC has not paid any penalty or duty as all these goods have valid bonding periods.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

खाड़ी के देशों से लौटते वाले भारतीय राष्ट्रिकों को परेशान किया जाना

*40. **मौलाना अबदुल्ला खान आज़मी** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि भारतीय राष्ट्रिक खाड़ी के देशों से भारत आते हैं, उन्हें हवाई अड्डों पर सीमाशुल्क अधिकारी दूसरे देशों से आने वाले भारतीय राष्ट्रिकों की तुलना में अधिक परेशान करते हैं और ठगते हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) से (ग) विदेशों क वापस लौट रहे भारतीय राष्ट्रिको से सीमाशुल्क के माध्यम से निकासी असबाब नियमावली के अनुसार की जाती है और इन नियमों को खाड़ी देशों और साथ ही अन्य देशों से वापस लौट रहे भारतीय राष्ट्रिकों पर बिना किसी भेद-भाव के लाग् किया जाता है ।

सीमाशुल्क कार्मिकों को समय-समय पर ये हिदायतें दी गयी हैं कि वे अन्तर-राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डों पर खाड़ी देशों से वापस लौट रहे यात्रियों सहित सभी यात्रियों की निकासी के समय भद्रता और शिष्टता का व्यवहार करें ।

Employment on Compassionate Grounds in Air India

66. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2509 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what progress has been made in providing employment on Compassionate grounds in Air India to the applicants in different zones as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that many applicants though educated were also required to give a written test;

(c) if so, their number is different zones; and

(d) how many of them have been provided employment as a result of the test and if none the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Out of 113 applications which were pending as on 16-12-91 for compassionate appointment, eight graduates have been given employment upto 31-3-92. Among unskilled categories, a scheme for appointment on compassionate grounds, on out of turn basis was presented to the Bombay High Court and signed after discussion with the recognised union and the scheme has come into effect from 1-4-92.

(b) and (c) There is no written examination for employment to unskilled categories and for the first level of officer, the candidates for out of turn appointment have to pass a written test and interview. Zonewise breakup of the dependents who took the written test is not available.

(d) Eight graduates have been given employment after being qualified in the written test as on 31-3-92.

SC/ST Air hostesses debarred from serving in 1st class

67. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air hostesses belonging to SC/ST communities are debarred from serving on board in Air India's flights in first class;

(b) whether Government are aware that Air hostesses belonging to ST community of Eastern Region, particularly from Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura etc. are debarred from serving on board in Air India's flights in 1st class;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to withdraw such discriminatory administrative instructions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) There is no discrimination in the matter of assignment of air hostesses in Air India flights in first class. Dy. Chief Air Hostesses/Sr. Check Air Hostesses are assigned to work in the first/club class. In their absence, air hostesses are assigned on the basis of seniority and rotation.

Pending industrial disputes against Air India

68. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Industrial disputes which are pending as on date before the Labour Commissioners against Air India; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The details of industrial disputes pending before Labour Commissioners against Air India are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Industrial Disputes Pending before ALC (C) /RLC (C)

Sl. No.	Name of the case	Nature of the Litigation
1	2	3
1	Mr. A.C. Gote V/s. Air India (Nagpur) (Casual Labourer)	Absorption in Air India.
2	Mrs. R. Sule, Sr. D.A. V/s. Air India .	Supersession
3	AIEG V/s. Air India (T.K. Sarkar) (Calcutta)	Absorption in Air India
4	S.M. Singh V/s. Air India (Casual Labourers)	Absorption of Casual Labourers
5	K. Ramkrishnan V/s. Air India (Madras) .	Compulsory rotation of employees
6	Strike Notice dt. 14-11-91 by ACEU (Central)	10 Points demands